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A FORM OF Prayer and Thankſgiving,

TO BE USED

ON

THURSDAY

THE

TWENTY-THIRD OF APRIL.

BY HIS MAJESTY'S SPECIAL COMMAND.

Price One PENNY.

¶ *The Service ſhall be the ſame with the uſual Office for Holydays, except where it is in this Office otherwiſe appointed.*

¶ *Let him that miniſtereth read with a loud Voice theſe Sentences of Scripture, and after them the Exhortation,* Dearly beloved Brethren, *&c.*

THE Lord is my light, and my ſalvation, whom then ſhall I fear; the Lord is the ſtrength of my life, of whom then ſhall I be afraid?

My heart truſted in him, and I am helped; therefore my heart greatly rejoiceth, and with my ſong will I praiſe him.

The Lord liveth, and bleſſed be my ſtrong helper: and praiſed be the God of my ſalvation.

¶ *Inſtead of the* Venite.

O Lord, Thou art my God; I will exalt thee, I will praiſe thy name; for thou haſt done wonderful things: thy counſels of old are faithfulneſs and truth.

I will go into thine houſe with burnt-offerings; I will pay thee my vows, which I promiſed with my lips, and ſpake with my mouth when I was in trouble.

O come hither and hearken, all ye that fear God, and I will tell you what he hath done for my ſoul.

For thou haſt delivered my ſoul from death, and my feet from falling: that I may walk before God in the light of the living.

Behold,

Behold, happy is the man whom God correcteth: therefore despise not thou the chastening of the Almighty.

At that day shall a man look to his Maker; and his eyes shall have respect unto the Holy One of Israel.

For he maketh sore and bindeth up: he woundeth, and his hands make whole.

The King shall rejoice in thy strength, O Lord; exceeding glad shall he be of thy salvation.

Thou hast given him his heart's desire: and hast not denied him the request of his lips.

Thus saith the Lord; in an acceptable time have I heard thee, and in a day of salvation have I helped thee.

Now know I that the Lord helpeth his anointed, and will hear him from his holy heaven, even with the wholesome strength of his right-hand.

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, from everlasting, and world without end: and let all the people say, *Amen.*

¶ *At the End of the Hymn add,* Glory be to the Father, *&c.*—*As it was, &c*
¶ *Proper Psalms,* XXXIV., CIII.—¶ *First Lesson,* Isa. XII. *Te Deum.*
¶ *Second Lesson.* Rom XIII. *Jubilate Deo.*
¶ *The Creed, &c. to the End of the Lord's Prayer.*—*Then the Priest shall say,*
Pr. O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us;—*Ans. And grant us thy salvation.*
Pr. O Lord, save the King;—*Ans. Who putteth his Trust in thee.*
Pr. Send him help from thy holy place;—*A. And evermore mightily defend him.*
P. Endue thy ministers with righteousness;—*A. And make thy chosen people joyful*

P. O Lord, ſave thy people;——A. *And bleſs thine inheritance.*
P. Give peace in our time, O Lord;——A. *Becauſe there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.*
P. O God, make clean our hearts within us;——A. *And take not thy holy Spirit from us.*

¶ *Inſtead of the firſt Collect for Morning Prayer, ſhall be uſed theſe which follow.*

O Lord God, merciful and gracious, the ſtrength of thoſe who put their truſt in thee; we adore thy fatherly goodneſs, which hath been our ſupport and refuge in the time of our affliction. We acknowledge, with great humility, that by reaſon of our tranſgreſſions we are unworthy of all thy bleſſings. But thou declareſt thy almighty power moſt chiefly by ſhewing mercy and pity: and it hath pleaſed thee to have regard unto the ſupplications of thy ſervants, and to reſtore the voice of joy and health in our dwellings. We deſire therefore humbly to preſent to thy divine majeſty our grateful ſacrifice of thankſgiving.—Let the prayers and praiſes this day offered unto thee, O God, be acceptable in thy ſight. Pour into our hearts, we beſeech thee, thoſe holy diſpoſitions which become the ſolemn remembrance and devout acknowledgement of thy mercies; giving us Grace to repent ourſelves unfeignedly of our ſins, and to live in true faith and conſtant obedience to thy law, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

O God,

O God, whose providence extendeth to all, even to the meanest of thy creatures, but is most graciously visible in watching over the persons of Princes; we give thee most hearty thanks and praise as for all thy mercies vouchsafed unto thy servant our Sovereign, so especially for his late happy deliverance from the severe illness with which he hath been afflicted. Confirm, O Lord, we beseech thee, the recovery which thou hast wrought in him. Thou hast been his succour; leave him not, neither forsake him, O Lord God of our salvation: give him the comfort of thy help, and stablish him with thy Spirit. Let thy wisdom be his guide, and thine arm strengthen him; continue him a nursing father to thy Church, & thy minister for good to all his subjects. Grant that he may long possess the hearts of his people, and that they may never be wanting in honour to his person, and due obedience to his lawful authority. Let his reign be happy, and his days be lengthened; and prosper all his undertakings for thy glory and the welfare of the realm. Crown him with all temporal and spiritual blessings in this life, and bring him to thine everlasting glory in the life to come. Extend thy merciful protection, O lord, to his royal House,

Houſe, to the Queen, the Prince of Wales, and all the Royal Family: perpetuate the happineſs of his government in his children's children; and let his throne be as the Sun before thee. Let truth, and piety, & peace, & every Chriſtian virtue flouriſh under their care; ſo that we and our poſterity being ſtill the objects of thy mercy & loving-kindneſs may give thee thanks for ever, and praiſe thy name from generation to generation, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord.

¶ *Then ſhall follow the* Second *and* Third Collects *at* Morning Prayer, *and the* Litany; *and immediately after the Prayer,* We humbly beſeech thee, *the following,*

O Almighty God, who haſt graciouſly manifeſted thy mercy by reſtoring health to our Sovereign and gladneſs to thy people; grant we beſeech thee, that our preſent ſenſe of thy great goodneſs to us, and the fervent affections which it hath kindled in our hearts, may never ſink into forgetfulneſs or ingratitude; but continually excite us to fulfil the purpoſes of this thy gracious diſpenſation towards us by walking from henceforth in thy holy commandments. Perfect, we pray thee, this thy mercy to thy ſervants; continue to us thy bleſſings, and enable us to profit under them, as becometh a people thankful for thy loving-kindneſs. Protect thy religion eſtabliſhed amongſt us, unſhaken by infidelity, and uncorrupted by ſuperſtition,

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and aſſiſt us to obey its laws in the ſpirit of piety & holineſs. Maintain, O Lord, the happy tranquility with which thou haſt bleſſed us. Grant that our extended commerce, and increaſing riches which accompany it, and which ſhould be for our health, may not be to us an occaſion of falling; & let the peace which thou haſt preſerved in our borders be ſanctified by the deſcent of thy peace into our hearts.

May we, who have been united in ſupplication to thy mercy in the late time of our affliction, & do now humbly join in giving thanks for that thou haſt viſited and redeemed thy people, be ſtill united in brotherly love and chriſtian charity; ſo that no diviſions may diſturb the ſtate nor diſtract the church, and that neither our ſinful paſſions, nor our private intereſts may diſappoint thy gracious purpoſes towards thy people. —— Remember, we beſeech thee, for good, all thoſe our brethren who in foreign lands have offered up their prayers for thy ſervants in the time of our diſtreſs. Heal, O Lord, the breaches of thy holy church, and enlighten thoſe who are in error with the knowledge of thy truth; ſo that all differences among chriſtians being done away, we may come to a perfect agreement both in faith and virtue, and being built up together upon the foundation of the apoſtles and prophets into an holy temple in

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the Lord, may ſerve thee in righteouſneſs and true holineſs; and in thankful remembrance of thy mercies may ever praiſe and magnify thy holy name, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord and Saviour.

The COMMUNION SERVICE.

¶ *Immediately before the reading of the Epiſtle ſhall theſe two Collects be uſed, inſtead of the Collect for the King, and the Collect of the Day.*

"O Lord God, merciful and gracious," &c.
"O God, whoſe providence," &c.
As in the Morning Prayer.

¶ *The Epiſtle.* Rom. xi. 33. *to* xii. 3.
¶ *The Goſpel.* John iv. 46 *to* 54.
¶ *Then ſhall follow the* Nicene Creed; *and after that the Sermon.*
¶ *In the Offertory ſhall this Sentence be read.*
LET your light ſo ſhine before Men, that they may ſee your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.
¶ *After the Prayer* for the whole State of Chriſt's Church, *this Collect ſhall be uſed.*
"O Almighty Lord, & everlaſting God," &c.
"The Peace of God," &c.

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